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TO AMCHAM TO IDENTIFY ISSUES ON WHICH IT FEELS EMBASSY, STATE OR COMMERCE CAN ASSIST IT; POST SHOULD WORK OUT COURSES OF ACTION WITH AMCHAM, OR RECOMMEND ACTION ON WASHINGTON END. PLEASE FOCUS ON ISSUES WHICH WE CAN REALISTICALLY WORK TO RESOLVE, HOWEVER; WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR REHASH OF WELL-KNOWN APCAC REQUESTS IN AREAS WHERE WE CAN DO NO MORE THAN AT PRESENT.

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